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Shrugs Off Garrison's Assassination Claims

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — A White House spokesman shrugged off late Saturday an accusation by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison that President Johnson concealed evidence in the John F. Kennedy assassination investigation.

The district attorney made his remarks Saturday night in a copyrighted interview show carried by WFAA-TV of Dallas.

Garrison accused President Johnson of deliberately concealing "pertinent evidence" and called him "the man who had the most to gain from the assassination."

Asked for comment in San Antonio, White House Press Secretary George Christian merely replied, "Well, he's said that before."

The New Orleans parish official also reiterated earlier statements that the Warren Commission was "a fraud" and that the federal government concealed evidence "at every opportunity."

During the 30-minute show, Garrison showed interviewer Murphy Martin pictures which he said were of a "federal agent" picking up a .45 caliber slug which Garrison said was the "bullet that killed Kennedy."

Garrison said the man who delivered the final, fatal shot to Kennedy's head stood in a manhole back of a picket fence and then eluded capture by going through a drainage system under Dealey Plaza to another part of Dallas.

Asked by Martin for the identity of the man who delivered the coup de grace with the .45 caliber pistol, Garrison replied, "We now have a number of names of individuals who operated at the top level (in the assassination plot)."

"I'd say four," the district at-

torney added. "But I'd rather not speculate on who was standing where."

Garrison, in answering questions by the interviewer, said he had no further political ambitions. "I don't know how I ever got elected to begin with," he said. "I have never had any special interest group behind me. I came into office with no strings on me."

"I want every man, woman and child to know that they have been lied to by their government."